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EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS AND
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OTHER TIMES

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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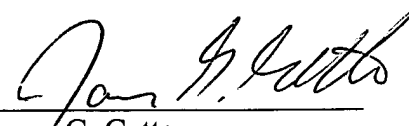
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449.

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